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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Inventor** : **ESCH, Uwe et al.**  
**Title** : **Hydraulic Circuit for a Hydraulic Excavator**  
**Serial No.** : **09/331,705**  
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**Request for Entry and Consideration of Request for Reconsideration of Earlier Filed  
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To the Commissioner for Patents:

On August 13, 2004, Applicant filed a "Request for Reconsideration of Earlier Filed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" (hereinafter "Request for Reconsideration"). A review of the PAIR (Patent Application Information Retrieval) information for the above-referenced application did not show an entry for the Request for Reconsideration filed on August 13, 2004. Applicant hereby requests entry and consideration of the Request for Reconsideration filed on August 13, 2004.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the return-postcard received from the USPTO evidencing receipt by the Office of the Request for Reconsideration. Also enclosed is a copy of the Request for Reconsideration filed on August 13, 2004.

It is believed that no fee is due with this request, however, if any fees are due with this request or the Request for Reconsideration originally filed on August 13, 2004, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this request to the applicant's undersigned attorney, who may be reached directly by telephone at (212)940-8712.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Request for Reconsideration of Earlier Filed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Applicant filed a "Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 CFR § 1.137(b)" on June 29, 2004. A decision on the petition dated August 6, 2004 was issued. Although the decision noted that the explanation and statement filed were sufficient to show that "the delay in responding to the decision mailed 21 February was unintentional" it was noted that the declaration submitted in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements was a partial declaration and thus did not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

Applicant hereby submits the declaration in whole. Pages 1 and 2 of the declaration submitted with the response filed on June 29, 2004 were inadvertently omitted. The enclosed

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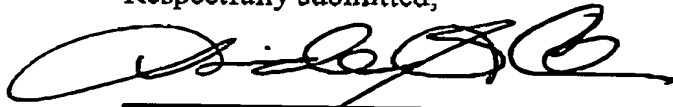
declaration is a copy of the full declaration, pages 1 through 3 with the citizenship of the inventors clearly indicated thereon. It is requested that this declaration be accepted in place of the partial declaration originally filed with the petition dated June 29, 2004.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the current application be revived and returned to prosecution.

It is believed that no fee is due with this request for reconsideration. However, if any fee is due with this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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**German Language Declaration**

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is materia  
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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